Subject: For how long should a system last?
Posted by drake on Tue, 27 Jun 2017 04:35:08 GMT
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If you taking good care of a home theater system and with everything else held constant, what's the average period that a good one should serve you? I have never cared to think about this until I came across a buddy who's had his for almost a decade.

Subject: Re: For how long should a system last?
Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 27 Jun 2017 21:13:53 GMT
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As long as the media you are viewing/playing doesn't change I would say about 5 years. If there is a change, all bets are off. The actual gear may survive a long time but be totally obsolete.

Subject: Re: For how long should a system last?
Posted by mamoss on Fri, 07 Jul 2017 19:11:57 GMT
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True gofar; you raise a good point about the gear being rendered redundant. There isn't a guarantee that the media being viewed or played won't change so I was wondering, what if there was a possibility of the gear being modified to suit emerging formats?

Subject: Re: For how long should a system last?
Posted by Saxon on Thu, 03 Aug 2017 20:27:55 GMT
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How long the system lasts varies. It really depends on the type and brand of the system you purchased and how well you handle the up keep.

Subject: Re: For how long should a system last?
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 03 Aug 2017 21:36:01 GMT
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Hi, Sort of a follow on. My previous comments are based largely on HT systems. For something like vinyl playback, radio reception, and tape playing there doesn't seem to be any magic number. With care gear made 50 years ago will be as good as newer stuff. I personally have quite a bit of equipment that is from the early 70's that is in perfect condition. Right now I'm listening to a Marantz 2265B receiver. It was made in 1975. I would gladly put it up against anything new. Now

to be sure it listed for something like $800 back then and with inflation a fair comparison would probably be against equipment that most users would never see in a store now. Likely new gear would be in the $8000 range. Many new pieces of equipment are designed with a limited life span and designed to be trashed after a few years. Cheaper for sure, but kid of a sad comment on how we think and what is valuable. Much of the vintage gear..partly because it was a significant financial investment was build to last. Two of the best performing turntables I have are over 40 years old, one nearly 50. Sadly we have become admirers of the "latest, greatest, shiny things" and don't seem to value quality, or perhaps more frightful, we don't recognize it when we see it. Time to jump off my soap box.

Subject: Re: For how long should a system last?
Posted by bcharlton on Sun, 03 Sep 2017 11:43:32 GMT
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It would make sense to say that a HT system will last for as long as the playable content remains the same. As for how long a particular system can last, it'd be dependent on many factors as well as how well they're taken care of.
